



**VIRGINIA REGION PONY CLUBS
HORSELESS RALLY
Saturday, February 20, 2016**

SERENE ACRES RIDING CENTER
<http://www.sereneacres.com/contact-us>
(Address, Directions and Map linked above)
Bluemont, Virginia

- Opening Date:** January 9
- Closing Date:** February 6 - Individual Registrations must be placed online
February 11 - Team/Scrambler Registrations must be placed online by
DC/Rally Coordinator
- Organizer:** Pamela Smith (571) 233-0162, email - stables@sereneacres.com
- Host Club:** Serene Acres Riding Center
- Secretary:** Liz Krens (540) 454-0355, email – aerohill@earthlink.net
- Contact # during Rally:** Liz Krens (540) 454-0355, Pamela Smith (571) 233-0162,
Lisa Woods (703) 623-5463, Carrie Camp (804) 937-2807
- Teams:** 3 or 4 “riders” with a C Advisor (required)
NON Pony Club members and siblings welcome
1 Required Equipment Kit and 1 Extra Equipment Kit per club or center only
- Fees:** Entry fee \$15.00 per “rider.” No fee for C Advisors.
- Entry Forms:** Please complete the following on the [VRPC Website under Forms](#):
- [2016 USPC Chaperone Form](#) (one per Team or group of scramblers)
2016 Serene Acres Release attached
[2016 USPC Non-Member Release](#), if required
Non member Medical Form revised with USPC Pin, attached
Please log in to the Virginia Region website using your member’s email address
to complete the 2016 Horseless Rally Individual Registration.

Payment: Check with your club on payment policy. Riding Center members can pay online with credit or debit card, or mail a check. Club members may pay online, ONLY if their club has directed them to do so, otherwise they will forward their invoice to their club. Payment receipts must be forwarded to the Rally Secretary by the Team/Scrambler closing date. (Invoices & payment receipts are generated by the system and emailed to the member).

Or

If checks are the preferred method of payment, mail check and invoice to VRPC Treasurer, Carolyn Lorenzen, 229 Alpine Drive SE, Leesburg, VA 20175. Payments must be received by the closing date.

Attire: Polo shirt, khakis or riding pants, belt, medical armband or bracelet, Pony Club pin, and barn-appropriate footwear
For entries who are not members of Pony Club we will require a medical release that will be in your lanyard (available at check in) and will have a copy of a Pony Club pin.

Rules: 2015 USDF Introductory Level Test A
USPC Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Competitions, 2015
The Uniform Officiating Rules of USPC
USPC Uniform Chaperone Rules/Duties, Appendix B
USPC Policy on Drugs, Alcohol & Tobacco, Appendix D
(<http://www.ponyclub.org/?page=rulebooks>)

Lunch: Snacks and Drinks available for purchase at Rally

General:

- Competitors are required to wear their approved medical bracelet or completed USPC Medical Form in their medical armbands for the duration of the rally. (Lanyards for non Pony Club competitors)
- Only the team captain or appointed designee may pick up registration packets.
- Each team must have one inanimate “horse” (award for most original).
- Open to non-Pony Club members! Invite your friends to see what a rally is like, but remember they must register to participate.
- Non-Pony Club members, please complete the [2016 USPC Non-Member Release](#).
- Please follow driving directions on <http://www.sereneacres.com/contact-us> , as Map Quest does not work for our street address.

Volunteers: Minimum of two volunteers in addition to one chaperone per team entry is required. Minimum of one volunteer per two scramble entries is required.

Refunds: Follows VRPC policy, as indicated on VRPC website.
<https://virginiaregionponyclubs.wildapricot.org/VRPC-Refund-Policy>

Tentative Schedule

- 12:30p.m.** Check in, welcome, and rally briefing with tour of Serene Acres barn
1:00p.m. Set up tack room, stall with Horse Management oversight
2:00p.m. Turnout inspections (one “rider” per team) and team helmet checks.
Parents’ informative meeting in the Gallery, “What is a Rally?”
2:30p.m. Dressage and stadium “rides” with on-going Horse Management review
Parents watch riders compete on foot.
4:00p.m. Final briefing and awards

Additional Information:

The purpose of this rally is to provide an opportunity for those members new to rallying to be exposed to the rally atmosphere without having to worry about the horse. This is a non-competitive, educational rally. There will be an award for the team with the most original horse and participation awards for all. In addition, there will be educational opportunities for families new to Pony Club to learn about the Pony Club way.

Teams will consist of 3 or 4 ‘Riders’ with a C Advisor (required). Tack rooms will be set up in stalls in the barn. Teams will set up one complete tack room each, as if all ‘riders’ were riding and had horses onsite (only **one** complete set of tack per team). Teams will also set up one stall (**NO** bedding) for the inanimate horse, as if this were a one day rally – don’t forget a Stall Card for your horse! Teams are not required to bring hay or feed items that would be placed in a feed room. A sample feed room and stall for a two day (overnight) rally will be set up for purposes of training and information for participants. Competitors should bring chairs for their tack stalls, if possible.

One ‘rider’ is to have correct riding attire for the Turnout Inspection. Participant dress for Turnout Inspection should be correct for the member’s certification level at a dressage, eventing, or show jumping rally. The Turnout Inspection Form can be found in the 2015 Horse Management Rulebook, Appendix D-5, pages 61-62. All team members will attend the inspection with their teammate and should **bring their helmets** for a Helmet Safety Check in conjunction with the Turnout Inspection.

The most recent HM Rulebook is required along with the 2015 HM Newsletter and any one of the discipline rulebooks. The Required Equipment Lists are included in the Horse Management Handbook. Please note the Horse Management Newsletter along with all USPC rulebooks can be found on the USPC website at <http://www.ponyclub.org/?page=rulebooks>.

Teams are required to have the following equipment:

- Equine First Aid Kit
- Human First Aid Kit
- Utility Kit
- Tack Cleaning Kit
- Tack Room Equipment
- Extra Equipment

Teams must have at least **one** of each of the following:

- Grooming Kit
- Individual Equipment
- Stall Equipment

As each team will not have a separate feed stall, the Cleaning Equipment and Feeding Equipment are not required at this rally.

Each 'rider' will have the opportunity to perform a dressage test on foot. The dressage test to be performed will be 2015 USDF Introductory Level Test A. The test may be found at the following website:

<http://www.usdf.org/docs/ShowFlash/web/Tests/2015/introa.pdf>

Ride times will be assigned and distributed at the initial briefing. Participants should be prepared to 'ride' the test on foot showing the halt as standing still, the salute as it would be performed as if on horseback, the walk gait as a walk and the trot gait as a jog or run in a down-sized arena. The ring steward will be available to read the test aloud, if desired.

Each 'rider' will also have the opportunity to perform a stadium jumping round on foot. The stadium course will be posted onsite the day of the rally. Ride times will be assigned and distributed at the initial briefing. Participants will be responsible for performing the course after acknowledging the stadium judge and hearing the start signal.